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SUBJ: INQUIRY TO FCC ON CABLE TV REGULATIONS

REF: A: STATE 201613; B. BERN 3270

1. THE SWISS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY MORE INFORMATION THAN THAT CONTAINED IN REFTEL B. THE SWISS REQUEST WAS BASED ON A RATHER SKETCHY PRESS REPORT.

2. THE SWISS PARLIAMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR THE CONTROL OF CABLE TELEVISION IN SWITZERLAND. A NATIONAL COUNCIL (LOWER HOUSE) COMMITTEE HAS ASKED THE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT SIMILAR REGULATION IN THE U.S. IN ADDITION TO THE QUESTION OF RECEIVING DIRECT SATELLITE SIGNALS THROUGH LOCAL TV ANTENNAS (REFTEL B), THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CURRENT OR PROPOSED FCC REGULATION OF CABLE TV. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SWISS PLAN TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING ON CABLE TV IN ORDER TO PROTECT LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT US PRACTICE IS. THE COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET BY CABLE TV LICENSEES IN THE US AND WHAT CONTROLS THE US HAS ON TWO-WAY OR FEEDBACK CABLE TRANSMISSIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND ANY OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON REGULATION OF CABLE TV FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE SWISS  
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